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A WONDERFUL  
NARRATIVE OF OLD ALEXANDRIA,  
OR THE  
CONFESSION OF JOHN TRUST.

CHAPTER 2.

At length the term of my bondage ended. The day upon which I was fifteen my guardian called me early, for a morning jaunt. We passed out of the city by its leading street, before business was astir in its shops, and ascended a range of hills on the West. A short walk along the hill-top, clothed in woods, led to an opening, from which a pleasant land-cape opened. We seated ourselves upon a projecting rock, and as the increasing light of the morning revealed each moment new beauties to our view, gazed for a while, in silence, on the picturesque panorama spread out before us. It was a delightful scene. The sun had not yet gilded the tree tops of the Maryland hills; yet the clouds in the Eastern sky were growing ruddy as they saw the King of day coming up out of the far Atlantic. A moment afterwards and the edges of the clouds caught silver from the advancing sun: a configuration seemed kindled and the woods on the distant hills, and the lofty foliage around us caught fire from the light, and flamed in green and gold. The town and lowlands before us were still but dimly discernible in the thick mist that had fallen with sleep upon it, and yet I looked drowsily about its roof-trees. But while we gazed, the shafts of light descended into the valley as the sun rose over the hill, and the mist, lifting itself in tongues of flame, stood over the town a moment, and then, passing, as it were, between us and the sun, was lost in the upper skies. How the dancing waters of the distant river shone in the morning light; the creek on the South gleamed like a burnished shield; afar to the North the white turrets and walls of the Metropolis of the Federation, glistened in the bracing air, while to the right, in front, and away to the left of us, the river rolled on through its hem of grassy shore, until it gave its last flash and was lost to sight among the distant trees.

I drank—in the beauty of the scene with a fresh appetite. Here my guardian gave me up the secret of my long seclusion. At first, pointing to the sun, he told me of men who believed that the Universe owed its existence to the energy of its fire, then skipping with light pace from system to system, he opened to my astonished view a hundred creeds. He believed that he told me, God forgave him his errors; he poured them into my young mind. "Men have made," he went on, "a thousand Gods, swelling their own ideals to the proportions of Divinity and calling them God. Heretofore I have guarded you from the delusion; I wish to guide you no further. Trust yourself alone. The only God we know is KNOWLEDGE, and knowledge is power." Alas! I did not know then that the serpent had told Eve so, six thousand years before. Thenceforward, during the remainder of my stay in Alexandria, he interposed no obstacle to my intercourse, but he gave me to understand that the ideas he had begun to develop on the hill-top, talked with me, unfolding more fully the opinions he held, so that to my eager ears he told I long had known. I felt interest in little else, and it was not long before the food and I, side together, in our hearts, "there is no God." Knowledge was my sole aim. I speak truly, when I say that all of affection, ambition or hope, all that can inspire and excite man in a life-struggle, urged me to obtain knowledge—to know.

My devotion delighted my guardian. He was anxious that the seed which throw so well should be cultivated, and in a few months we bade farewell to Alexandria; to America, and I took a position in a literary institution of considerable eminence, in the South of France. The institution had been founded during the middle ages, but its possessors were driven out in the horrors of the Revolution, and it was now the centre of a school of philosophy, whose prime tenets had been expounded by my guardian, on the heights of Alexandria. It is useless to detail the system here pursued. It rivaled falsehood upon my soul, and in three years gave me again to the world, its chief d'œuvre, with a maxim in my mouth which still stands high in the philosophic world, but which, if it can be reduced to the vernacular of any people under the sun, means, "We are gods, knowing good and evil."

A legacy from a rich relative, on the day I left college, added largely to the already considerable fortune of my guardian, and he determined to complete, by a tour of travel, the accomplishments I had already won by my own industry and native talents. Geneva, Rome, Constantinople, Athens and Jerusalem were visited in turn—remaining at each month, or weeks, as they enabled us to see the celebrated spots and enjoy the notable society of the region. I was useless, for the purposes of this confession, to detail the incidents of this journey, interesting though they were. My guardian found in many places his old acquaintances, among persons of distinction, and with ample letters secured like advantages in cities where no casual incident turned up a former friend. We left no city until it had yielded us all that we desired. My guardian's assistance was invaluable; he often procured me by the extent and variety of his knowledge, and seldom fell below my expectations. At length we stopped at Calcutta to recruit for a few months, after an exciting and, at times, perilous journey through a portion of Hindostan. The twelve residents were more than hospitable, for an arrival of a polished gentleman from Europe was a rare event, in those days. Dinners, social parties and other indications of welcome, among the better class, honored our stay among them, and we progressed it considerably beyond our original intention.

Among the celebrities in Calcutta, at the time, was a Dr. Wroe. He had a reputation for familiarity with life in the occult sciences, and it was believed in the capital that he had, by some incantation, become possessed of the secrets of the so-called jujuries, by which the Indian priests of Hindostan contrived to acquire and perpetuate an unlimited influence over nations, otherwise considerably elevated in the scale of human civilization. He was chary of his art, but rumor was not so; and there was no man in the city who could not tell marvels of him.

I soon met him. He was of medium stature; had a face which denoted a mind rather searching and active, than profound and clear. I found him—and I had begun to pride myself on my discriminating knowledge of men—a frank gentleman—making no profession of erudition, and having no claim to it. He was a sociable companion; tolerable well-read in modern literature—and had a fund of knowledge of East Indian life and habits, won by travel through almost inaccessible regions of the country, which made him a most entertaining companion. I soon grew very fond of his company. He turned lightly on every allusion to the marvels told of him; never alluded to the subject himself, and social decency imposed the same silence upon me.

At length, we left Calcutta, and passed by way of Van Diemen's Land, Valparaiso in Chili, and Cape Horn to Rio Janeiro, from whence we took the Lisbon Packet, and arrived in Paris, having been absent three years, and travelled around the world.

To Parisians, Paris is the world, and few dwell long within the circle of its multifarious attractions, without, in this respect, at least, becoming Parisians. I did not catch the fever, for my travels and education had made me too much of a cosmopolitan to give my pleasures into the charge of any city, however competent to care for them. My guardian's counsels seconded my own wishes, and my Paris life was, in my opinion, a masterpiece of skill.

It would savor too much of minuteness for this hurried narrative to tell the varying phases which a many-sided life assumed under my management. No pleasure faded under hard riding—a fertile fancy ever suggested new expedients of enjoyment to give rosy wings to the hours. I kept the top of the tide of pleasure, for well I knew that the shadows below were but unsubstantial images of the real joys that rode above the wave, and that bitter dregs lay at the bottom. Books and pen kept in due bound the morning outdoor sport, where the field, the sailboat and the hunting match restored the little lustre the eye had lost in the night's convalescence. Independence and familiarity alike with friends and pleasures disposed both to serve me. Sovereign of myself, without self-denial, and of all with whom I came in contact without arrogance, knowledge in me was, indeed, power. Seldom had severe study and earnest thought chiselled a more symmetrical character, never had accomplishments given such grace to stone.

My guardian was delighted with me. I had surpassed his most sanguine expectations. Here was, he said, the triumph of nature over superstition—a man without a soul—powerful—enjoying life with a zest which bade defiance to an epicurean contented to run his race of power and pleasure, and return to dust, and give his place to the one best able to fill it.

I knew, by heart, all the theories, creeds, opinions, and faiths which had subjected mankind to their domain; divided brother from brother, and given ten thousand varying images to the great existence, which they called God. Yet I knew there was no certainty, and felt little inclined to grapple with the doubts which, it seemed to me, all those creeds engendered. The present was too full of pleasantness and the future too bright with hope to allow vague memories or gloomy anticipations to take hold on me. I was like a magician now—beauty, honor, pleasure waited at my hand. Could the future be less than dazzling? What would not be within my grasp when age had matured powers so splendid in their first dawning. Enraptured in the present and speculating so confidently on my triumphs in the coming times, when my abilities and learning would give me a place beside the great ones which were then the idols of the world, and sleep in death with those whose names are household words for centuries, I cared for nothing else. Creeds were to me, a portion of human policy; one of the many chords which the accomplished ruler must know well, to touch successfully in securing his triumphs—but except for the earthly power they might give me, I thought of them only to do-seise them. Well had my artificial life developed itself; the soul-crushed boy had grown into the soul-less man. "All things but love when love is all we want." (TO BE CONTINUED.)

**THE VIRGINIA IMMIGRATION SOCIETY.**  
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NEW GOODS

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